REMARKS

Claims 1 through 32, 34 through 66 and 68 through 75 are currently pending in the application.

Claims 1 through 31, 37 through 65 and 71 through 75 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected inventions.

Claims 32, 34 through 36, 66 and 68 through 70 currently stand rejected.

Claims 33 and 67 have been canceled.

This amendment is in response to the Office Action of December 27, 2004.

35 U.S.C. § 102(b) Anticipation Rejections

Anticipation Rejection Based on Wark et al. (U.S. Patent 5,809,987)

Claims 32, 35, 66, 69 and 70 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Wark et al. (U.S. Patent 5,809,987).

Applicants assert that a claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference. *Verdegaal Brothers v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the claim. *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989).

Applicants assert that the Wark et al. patent is not prior art regarding the inventions of claims 32, 35, 66, 69, and 70 because at the time the present inventions of claims 32, 35, 66, 69, and 70 were made the inventions of such claims in the present application and the Wark et al. patent were commonly owned by Micron Technology, Inc., Boise, Idaho.

Applicants request that the rejection of claims 32, 35, 66, 69, and 70 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 based upon the Wark et al. patent be withdrawn. Applicants assert that claims 32, 35, 66, 69, and 70 are allowable.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Obviousness Rejections

Obviousness Rejection Based on Wark et al. (U.S. Patent 5,809,987) in view of Ishiwata et al. (U.S. Patent 6,102,023)

Claims 34, 36, 68 and 70 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wark et al. (U.S. Patent 5,809,987) in view of Ishiwata et al. (U.S. Patent 6,102,023). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection, as hereinafter set forth.

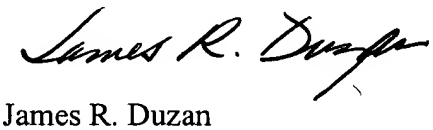
Applicants further submit that to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness under 35 U.S.C. § 103 three basic criteria must be met. First, there must be some suggestion or motivation, either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, to modify the reference or to combine reference teachings. Second, there must be a reasonable expectation of success. Third, the cited prior art reference must teach or suggest all of the claim limitations. Furthermore, the suggestion to make the claimed combination and the reasonable expectation of success must both be found in the prior art, and not based on Applicants' disclosure.

Applicants assert that dependent claims 34, 36, 68 and 70 are allowable as the depend from allowable independent claims 32 and 66.

Applicants submit that claims 32, 34 through 36, 66 and 68 through 70 are clearly allowable.

Applicants request the allowance of claims 32, 34 through 36, 66 and 68 through 70 and the case passed for issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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